

**Representative Steve Eliason** proposes the following substitute bill:

**PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes to physician workforce programs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows an entity that has previously been awarded a residency grant to submit information to be able to renew the grant; and
- ▶ modifies provisions related to the forensic psychiatric fellowship grant program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26B-4-711**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

**26B-4-712**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26B-4-711** is amended to read:



**26B-4-711. Residency grant program.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "D.O. program" means an osteopathic medical program that prepares a graduate to obtain licensure as a doctor of osteopathic medicine upon completing a state's licensing requirements.

(b) "M.D. program" means a medical education program that prepares a graduate to obtain licensure as a doctor of medicine upon completing a state's licensing requirements.

(c) "Residency program" means a program that provides training for graduates of a D.O. program or an M.D. program.

(2) UMEC shall develop a grant program where a sponsoring institution in Utah may apply for a grant to establish a new residency program or expand a current residency program.

(3) An applicant for a grant shall:

(a) provide the proposed specialty area for each grant funded residency position;

(b) identify where the grant funded residency position will provide care;

(c) (i) provide proof that the residency program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or

(ii) identify what actions need to occur for the proposed residency program to become accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

(d) identify how a grant funded residency position will be funded once the residency program exhausts the grant money;

(e) agree to implement selection processes for a residency position that treat applicants from D.O. programs and applicants from M.D. programs equally;

(f) agree to provide information identified by UMEC that relates to post-residency employment outcomes for individuals who work in grant funded residency positions; and

(g) provide any other information related to the grant application UMEC deems necessary.

(4) UMEC shall prioritize awarding grants to new or existing residency programs that will:

(a) address a workforce shortage, occurring in Utah, for a specialty; or

(b) serve an underserved population, including a rural population.

(5) (a) An applicant that receives a grant under this section may apply, every two years,

to renew the grant for two years.

(b) An applicant to renew a grant under Subsection (5)(a) shall provide a statement that:

(i) the applicant applied for federal funding and was not awarded federal funding in an amount that fully funds each grant funded residency position; or

(ii) the funding the applicant described in Subsection (3)(d) is unavailable to the applicant.

~~[(5)] (6) [Before November 1, 2023, and each November 1 thereafter,]~~ On or before November 1 of each year, UMEC shall provide a written report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee describing:

(a) which sponsoring institutions received a grant;

(b) the number of residency positions created; and

(c) for each residency position created:

(i) the type of specialty;

(ii) where the residency position provides care; and

(iii) an estimated date of when a grant funded residency position will no longer need grant funding.

Section 2. Section **26B-4-712** is amended to read:

**26B-4-712. Forensic psychiatrist fellowship grant.**

(1) As used in this section, "forensic psychiatry" means the provision of services by an individual who:

(a) is a licensed physician;

(b) is board certified or board eligible for a psychiatry specialization recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialists or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists; and

(c) uses scientific and clinical expertise in legal contexts involving the mental health of individuals.

(2) UMEC shall establish a grant program that will facilitate the creation of a single forensic psychiatrist fellowship program.

(3) An applicant for the grant shall:

(a) demonstrate how the applicant is best suited for developing a forensic psychiatry

fellowship program, including:

(i) a description of resources that would be available to the program; and

(ii) any resources or staff that need to be acquired for the program;

(b) identify what needs to occur for the proposed residency program to become accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

(c) provide an estimate of how many individuals would be trained in the program at any one time;

(d) provide any information related to the grant application UMEC deems necessary for awarding the grant; and

(e) if awarded the grant, agree to:

(i) enter into a contract with the Department of Corrections that the applicant will provide for the provision of forensic psychiatry services to an individual:

(A) who needs psychiatric services; and

(B) is under the Department of Corrections' jurisdiction; and

(ii) ensure that any individual hired to provide forensic psychiatry services will comply with all relevant:

(A) national licensing requirements; and

(B) state licensing requirements under Title 58, Occupations and Professions.

**Section 3. Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.